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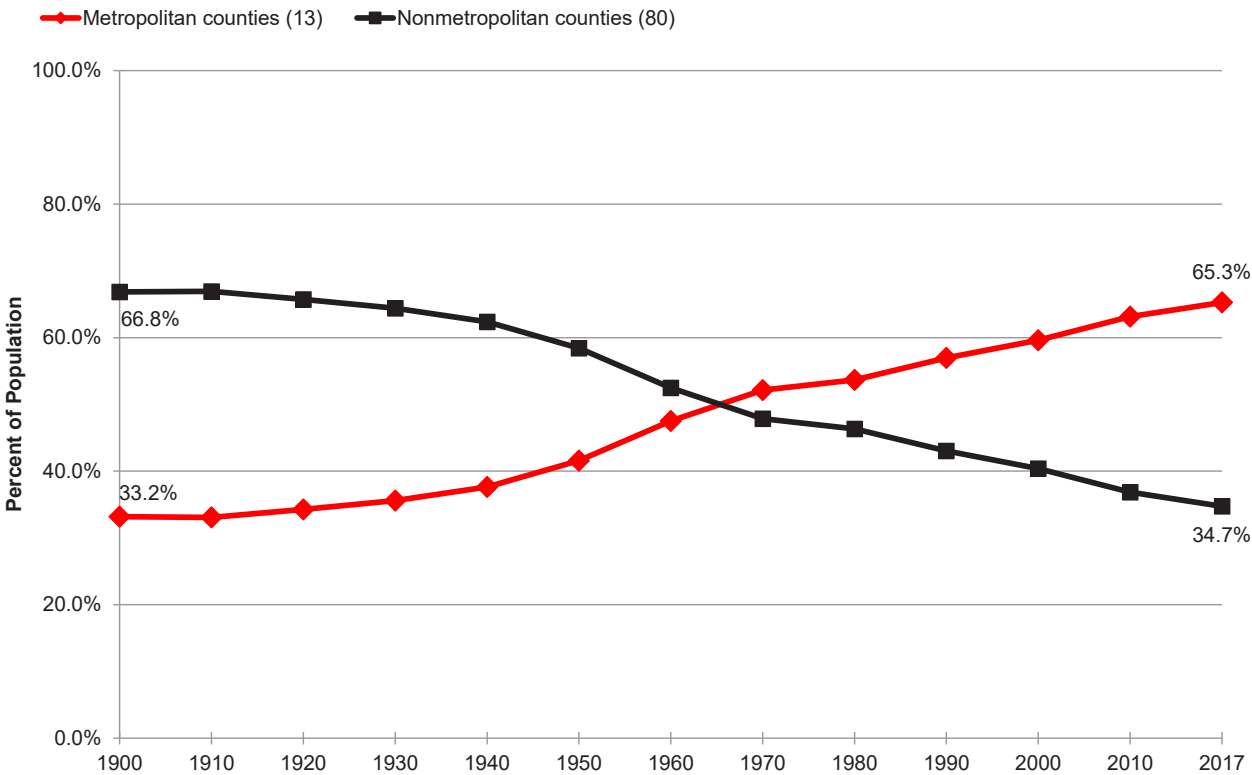
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Our Changing Landscape

Over the past several decades in Nebraska, where and how people live has changed dramatically. In 1900, 67% of Nebraskans lived in nonmetropolitan counties. Today, 65% live in metropolitan counties. The transformation in where people live in Nebraska reveals changes in how people live as well. For instance, in this infographic you can see that metropolitan Nebraska is younger, more diverse and more educated. However, while there are differences between metropolitan and nonmetropolitan Nebraska there are some attributes of life in Nebraska that transcend county borders. For instance, the high rate of labor force participation and the overwhelming majority of Nebraskans that choose to stay in Nebraska for their lifetime.

Percent of Nebraska Population in Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties: 1900 - 2017



Sources: Decennial Censuses, 2017 Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
Note: 2016 Office of Management and Budget definitions of metropolitan counties



NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
Metro	Nonmetro		Metro	Nonmetro	
1,253,230	666,846	2017 Total population (persons)	279,698,020	46,021,158	
34.4	40.6	Median age (years)	37.2	40.9	
25.5%	23.7%	Under age 18	23.2%	22.4%	
62.3%	57.8%	Age 18 to 64	62.8%	59.9%	
12.2%	18.5%	Age 65+	14.0%	17.7%	
87.5%	91.7%	Age 5+ speaking only English	76.7%	91.6%	
77.1%	86.2%	Non-Hispanic White	59.1%	78.8%	
61.7%	70.9%	Born in state of current residence	56.7%	69.8%	
8.0%	4.4%	Foreign born	14.8%	3.8%	
35.1%	21.2%	Age 25+ with Bachelor's Degree+	32.3%	18.8%	
83.8%	84.0%	Age 25 to 64 in labor force	78.4%	71.8%	
3.4%	2.7%	Age 25 to 64 unemployment rate	6.1%	6.1%	
4.7%	6.5%	Under age 18 uninsured rate	5.7%	7.2%	
13.2%	14.4%	Age 18 to 64 uninsured rate	16.1%	18.0%	
63.6%	70.1%	Home ownership rate	62.3%	71.1%	
69.3%	50.1%	Homeowners with a mortgage	66.6%	51.8%	
46.4%	36.4%	Renters spending 30%+ of income on gross rent	51.6%	47.0%	
12.6%	12.1%	Poverty rate	14.7%	17.8%	
16.5%	16.2%	Poverty rate for children under 18	20.5%	25.1%	
\$57,722	\$50,008	Median household income	\$57,881	\$43,877	
\$74,067	\$62,469	Median family income	\$70,885	\$54,941	
\$152,800	\$105,600	Median home value	\$202,900	\$117,100	

Note: Nebraska had 13 metro counties in 2016: Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington in the Omaha metro; Lancaster and Seward in the Lincoln metro; Dakota and Dixon in the Sioux City metro; and Hall, Hamilton, Howard, and Merrick in the Grand Island metro
Sources: 2016 Metro Definitions, Office of Management and Budget; 2017 Population Estimates, 2012-2016 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau